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To the Reader.



Entle Reader, I commend vnto you a Pelidorus his Treasure, yet without either murther or theft, but else as rich; so I confesse without leane, neither may the Authour bee offended, if what I haue borrowed for my priuate vse, I haue payed to the seruice of the Common-wealth, in that what hee intended as the instance of one, being written, is be-houefull to euery one.

One Pithius, a crafty Sicilian, finding an honest Romane Gentleman, called Canius, Desirous of a pleasant garden in the Iland, he inuited him to his, and conducted diuers poore Fishermen to attend that day his Bankes with Boates and Nets, and to bring in plenty of fish, and to lay them at his feete: the Guest asking what that meant, was answered by the Huxter, that it was the royalty of that place, there was more fish thereabouts then in any other streame of Syracuse; and as oft as he repaired thither, that seruice was due, and done vnto him: The poore Gentleman was taken with the nets, and presently dealeth with the owner for the Garden, who suffering himselfe to be much importuned, at the length was intreated to sell it full deerely; the day following, the buyer dispo-

sed to shew the magnificence of his purchase, inuiteth diuers friends to accompany him thither, and missing the concourse and confluence of his expected homagers, the Fishermen: For there was neither Boate, Oare, Net, or Fin of fish to be seene; asketh his new neighbours whether it were a holiday for Fishermen, the plaine folk answered, None they knew of, & further wondred at the former resort, for they neuer saw before Boates or Fishermen there. In a word, hee was censured; but it is not so in this fishing Proiect, to the which you are now inuited frankly and plainely: Nullæ hic piscatorum feræ; we may alwaies fish here without feare of any Sicilian purchase, or scarcity of the Romane Macrobus his Table, where there was Piscis, but paucorū hominum: here is fish, the King of fish, the meate and Marchandize of both remote and neighbour Nations. To perswade hereto, the Author hath dealt by way of comparison, not thereby to derogate from other Trades, but to aduance this Mysterie, and indeed, to shew that they may all receiue true nourishment from this nursery. Let therefore no man take that with the left hand which is offered with the right; and though, by the opinion of some of vnderstanding in those faculties, there is a reasonable suruey giuen of our Sea-trades, State, and Breeding; and out of others iudgements, there is euen Candor animi in all particulars, without either suspicion of any personall taxation offered, or any States blot suspected. Yet I desire also to professe the Authors true and faire meaning herein, and to make good the ouersights that may bee committed in the particular transe, with that of the Poet, Ibi plurima nitent, Non

To the Reader.

ego paucis offendor maculis. *Of the subiect it selfe I will onely say thus much, that if Aurum portans hath beene alwaies welcome, hence you may receiue gold, pay the Kings duties, and doe your Countrey service; and so I leaue this businesse to her owne abilities, and take my leaue of you with this conclusion of them.*

Nisi peracta ludunt.

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The Trades Increase.



SEeing by chance a late
Treatise entitled, *Englands
way to winne wealth, &c.* and
being easily inuited to reade
the same, enen for the Titles
sake; I must confesse my selfe
so affected with the proiect,
that I presently resolved to
goe a fishing, withall concluding with my selfe,
that as there is no fishing to the sea: so there was
no fish in the sea like to the Herring: and for that
my estate is but meane, and my selfe a fresh-water
Souldier, it requireth cost, and I would haue com-
pany: the sea is large enough, and hath roome e-
nough for vs all, and there are Herrings enough
to make vs all rich: for that I say a man may runne
a course this way to enrich himselfe, to strengthen
his countrey, to enable his Prince more honestly
then many late sea-courses can warrant vs in, more
easily, more safely, more certainly then any other

sea-courſe can perſwade vs to whatſoever; I could not chooſe, out of my alleadgiance to my Prince, out of my duty to my Countrey, out of my love to my neighbour, but commend theſe motiues concerning the ſame to a further conſideration conſiſting,

In the } Neceſſitie,
Facilitie,
Profit, and } fiſhing.
Uſe of }

The neceſſity out of want of } Shipping.
Mariners.
Imploiment of men

As concerning ſhips, it is that which every one knoweth, and can ſay, they are our weapons, they are our ornaments, they are our ſtrength, they are our pleaſures, they are our defence, they are our profit; the ſubject by them is made rich, the kingdom through them ſtrong, the Prince in them mighty; in a word, by them in a manner we live, the kingdom is, the king reigneth. If the ſea faile, the *Venetians* they fall; and if we want ſhips, wee are diſſolved. *Eſops* Shepheard kept his ſlocke well ſo long as he nourished his dogge; but when the Wolfe had perſwaded him that he was ſuperfluous, hee couſened him eaſily of all his ſheepe. It is the kingdoms caſe in ſhipping, which made that Heroicall King of *Denmarke* at his view of the Kings Maieſties Navy at *Chatham*, confeſt he then ſaw the ſtrength of *England*, the greatneſſe of our King,

King, *In sola tanta est fiducia Nave.*

Concerning the want of shipping, though to presse the consideration thereof be very materiall, yet the poynt it selfe is to be handled very tenderly: for that as I haue no pleasure to touch our owne wounds, so I am loath in this case to discover our owne wants; for that I feare the enemy will sooner take the aduantage of them, then wee will be stirred vp thereby to make supply. To giue therefore the true and faithfull subiect a darke Lanthorne whereby hee may onely see himselfe, and he not be seene, setting the contemplation of the Kings royall Nauy aside, so mighty, so well conditioned, which hath so many good Officers, & such worthy ouer-seers, the which is so chargeable to his Maiesty to maintaine, as I hope it will neuer be safe for the enemy to meddle withall: setting, I say, this aside, Our Marchants Nauy consisteth in the Shippes:

(The Straights.

Spaine.

France.

Hambrough and Middlebrough.

For The Sound.

Newcastle.

Island.

New found Land.

(The East Indies.

I haue not named *Mosconie*, because we haue in a manner lost that Trade, the troubles of that

kingdome, and our desire of security hauing de-
 priued vs thereof, which wee may the more la-
 ment, because I haue heard Marchants affirme,
 that in these vncomfortable daies of aduenturing,
 it was one of their best trades; and with no small
 maruaile yet vpheld; and most prouidently follo-
 wed by the Hollanders, wee being scarred away
 from so good and profitable a trade, as birds from
 Cherrie-trees, with the shew of dead carkasses, or
 shout of boyes, whilst other lusty and plumpe
 laddes haue willicie beat away the children, beate
 downe the scarre-crowes, and stolen the fruite a-
 way, to their great gaine, and our disgrace, there
 repairing nor thither aboue two shippes English
 in stead of senenteene of great burden for the
 cōpany formerly, besides Enterlopers, to the great
 decay of our Marchants and shipping; whereas
 the Hollander (according to a credible report
 made) betweene the Warde-house and the East-
 ward, at *Tippenie, Kilden, Olena*, and the Riuer of
Cole at Colmograue, and at *Saint Nicholas in Russia*,
 had aboue thirty fiae sailes of their shippes the
 last yeare. Happily some will say, that they made
 so poore a voyage that they had better kept
 thein selues at home; and it is very likely, yet the
 yeare before, they had some thirty saile, and now
 this yeare they haue againe repaired their Na-
 uy, renewed their aduventure, and sent neere as
 many as neither dismaied with troubles, nor yet
 discouraged with losse; and to make it the more
 strange that they should thus preuent our trade, &
 increase their owne: as it was after vs that they

The Country
 being afflicted
 with war, and
 the Hollan-
 ders will, *petere
 cibū ē flammā.*

came

came thither euen by leaue, as it were, to glean
 with our reapers, for the fields were ours, the dis-
 couery of the Land, and Trade wholly ours,
 found out by *Chanceler* and *Willoughby*, and euer Primo Edw. 6.
 since continued by our Marchants; so againe their
 best Trade thither, is maintained euen by our
 owne commodities, as Tinne, Lead, Course-
 clothes and Kerseyes, the inconuenience where-
 of, together with the preuention, I leaue to the
 sensible consideration, to the sufficient ability of
 the *Moscouy* Marchant, who I feare can scarce
 heare me, being (as is said) gone so farre as the
 East Indies, and if I should send to him I feare I
 should not finde him at leasure, hauing thither
 transported much of the *Moscouie* Staple, for the
 Marchants that formerly vsed the *Moscouie* Trade
 are now there seated, and because as wee know it
 is warmer there, and as they finde it, is very profi-
 table, wee will also by compasse trauell thither
 our selues; that as *Valeria* a faire Lady, answering
 to *Scilla* in the Theater, being demanded why
 she pressed so neere, said; that thereby she might
 haue some of his felicity; so by being in their com-
 pany wee may communicate with them of their
 good fortunes, or commune with them of our
 wants.

So then to beginne our iourney at the noblest The Straights
 place for worth, and one of the newest in know-
 ledge, the worthiest in former remembrance, the
 worst in present reputation, for the bottoome of
 the *Straights*, the first in name, and whilome a
 very materiall businesse of Marchandize, I finde

this Trade but easy, and the difficulties many and new, the Trade it selfe being lessened by the circumuention of the *East Indie* Nauigation, which fetcheth the spices from the well head, and I finde the rest of the benefites allayed, by charges, by insultation of Pirates, and infidelity of seruants, these make presents and profite of their maisters goods abroad, so farre that some of the owners become lame at home: Pirates meete with that whereby others are extremely hindred, and by the charges the rest are exceedingly discouraged, so that the Marchants returne is but poore, and the Nauigation much lessened, the employment thitherward sailing in neere thirty ships, and those of such burden that they were of defence and renowne to the Kingdome. I heard a worthy Marchant in his time *Tho: Cordel* of London say, that on the first beginning of the Turkes Trade, his selfe with other Marchants, hauing occasion to attend the late Queens Maiesties Priuy Councell about that businesse, they had great thankes and commendations for the Shippes they then builded of so great a burden for those parts, by the Earles of *Bedford* and *Leicester*, and other Honorable personages, with many encouragements to go forward euen to vse their owne words, for the *Kingdomes sake*, notwithstanding it was then to their great benefite likewise, whose ordinary at the first were five for one, which I speake not out of enuy: For as all callings are, and ought to bee maintained through the profite that ariseth thereby, labours rewarded, dangers recompensed by
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the sweate and sweete of gaine; nay, in our most
 Liberall Professions, the Diuine for his spirituall
 nourishment hath temporall foode; the Physition
 for the care of the body asketh the comfort of the
 purse, and the Lawyer must bee paid for his Plea;
 so Marchants of all Companies the most liberall,
 are likewise of all sorts the most worthiest to
 gaine; *Vt qui per vniuersum orbem discurrunt mare*
circumlustrantes, & aridam, To vse that hopefull
 Prince in his time King *Edward* the sixt his words
 in a letter to Forraigne Princes, in sir *Hugh Wil-*
leubbie his behalfe: but to end my long Parenthe-
 sis, I speake it I say out of pittie, to see now the re-
 turne so meane, the Marchant so discouraged, the
 shipping so diminished: and to conclude this
 poynt without loue or anger, but with admiration
 of our neighbours the now *Sea-herrs*, the Nati-
 on that get health out of their owne sicknesse,
 whose troubles begot their liberty, brought forth
 their wealth, and brought vp their strength, that
 haue out of our leauings gotten themselues a li-
 uing, out of our wants make their owne supply of
 Trade and shipping there; they comming in long
 after vs, equall vs in those parts in all respects of
 priuiledge and port; that haue deuanced vs so farre
 in shipping, that the *Hollanders* haue more then
 one hundred saile of shippes that vse those parts,
 continually going and returning, and the chiefe-
 st matters they do lade outward, bee *English* Com-
 modities, as Tinne, Lead, and bailes of such like
 stufte as are made at *Norwich*.

Being bound
 for discoueries
 Prim. Ed. 6.

See-herren.

For the rest of the Straghts, one side, as the
 coast

coast of Barbary, serues onely for places and Citties of refuge, nor after the Diuine *Leuiticall* Law, when one hath kild a man by chance there to be succoured, but after that Diabolicall Alcoran when any haue robbed and murdered abroad, thither they may repaire, be in safety, and enioy.

The other side, as *Naples, Genoa, Ligerne, and Marseilles*, employ some twenty sayle, and they most with Herring: For the Ports neere the Straights mouth as *Malega*, &c. wee haue some store of shipping, as about thirty saile, that begin in Iune to set forth for Ireland, to lade pipe-staues in their way to *Malega*, they returning *Malega* wines, but the Hollanders likewise haue found out that Trade, and be as busie amongst the Irish as our selues for pipe-staues; nay, by yourleau they haue bene too busie there of late with some of our poore Country-mens wind-pipes, but that is besides the matter heere. But for *Malega* it selfe the inhabitants there haue through our plentiful resort thither planted more store of Vines, so that on our recourse thither, our Marchants haue withdrawne themselves much from *Cherris*.

Spaine.

For *Andalusia, Guantado, Lisborne, Portugall*, it is easily knowne what shipping we haue thereby our Trade which is but meane, consisting in Sacke, Sugar, Fruite, and West Indie drugges, which may employ some twenty ships, amongst these *Cherris* sackes are likewise brought into England especially in Flemish bottomes.

For the bringing in from thence any store of salt by vs it is excepted against, we being by report furnished

furnished principally by the *Hollanders* of most of the salt that our Fisher townes doe vse for the salting of Island Fish, and all other Fish for Herring and Staple-fish, as the Ports of *London, Colchester, Ipswich, Tarmouth, Linne, Hull, Scarbrough*, can testifye. *Albrough* men were wont to bring it in, especially employing some thirty or forty saile belonging to it; of some seuen or eight score, or two hundred tunne; which, for the most part, were set on worke all the yeare long, with transporting of coales from *Newcastle* to *France*, and fetching salt from thence; which trade is now much decayed with *France*, by the double diligence of the *Hollanders*, who serue vs principally from *Spaine*.

For our Trade to *Burdeaux* it is lightly as great *France.* as euer it was: for I doe not thinke there was euer more Wine drunke in the Land; yet that voyage appeareth not to bee so benefitall in regard of the small rate that the Owners and Sea-men haue thither-ward. *France* may euery way imploy, and those most small vessels, some threescore ships and barks.

To *Hambrough* and *Middlebrough* there are be- *Hambrough & Middlebrough.* longing six or seuen ships to each place, and they lade for the company (and are called *Appoynted ships*) euery three months in all the yeare, there may be laden some thirty odde shippes, and they but 14 or 15 bodily; but as they make, as is said, two voyages the ship, how it standeth with them, or how they will stand, it is vncertaine in regard of the manner of the altering of trading with their cloath, once for certaine the Merchant

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aduenturers

aduenturers ships haue been alwaies formerly the
sure stay of Merchants seruices both for their rea-
dinesse, goodnesse, and number of shipping tou-
ching the common-wealths affaires.

The Sound.

For *Danske, Melain* and *Quinsbraugh* there are
not aboute fve or sixe shippes of *London*, that vse
those places, as many more of *Spsswich*, and so like-
wise from *Hull*, *Linne*, and *Newcastle*, the like pro-
portion resorteth thither for Trade; these make
some two returnes in the yeare: but in all those
places the *Hollanders* doe abound, and bring in
more commodities by fve times to vs, then our
owne shipping. And for *Liesland*, the *Narue*, *Rye*,
and *Renell*, the *Hollanders* haue all the Trade in a
manner, the commodities from these former pla-
ces being Corne, Flaxe, Soperashes, Hempe, I-
ron, Waxe, and all sorts of Deale.

For *Norway* we haue not aboute fve, and they
aboute forty saile, and those double or treble our
burden euen for the Citty.

Newcastle.

The next is *Newcastle* Trade, and for certaine
the chiefeft now in esse, for maintenance of ship-
ping, for setting Sea-fearing men on worke, and
for breeding daily more, there may be aboute some
two hundred saile of *Carniles*, that onely vse to
serue the Citty of *London*, besides some two hun-
dred more that serue the sea-coast towns through-
out *England*, small and great, as Barques and o-
ther shipping of smaller burden, and more might
easily be: for hither euen to the Mines mouth,
come all our neighbour countrey Nations with
their Shippes continually, employing their owne
shipping

shipping and Mariners. I doubt mee whether if they had such a treasure, they would not employ their owne shipping. The *French* saile hither in whole Fleetes, some forty or fifty saile together, especially in Summer, seruing all their Portes of *Picardie*, *Normandie*, and *Brittaine*, euen as farre as *Rochel* and *Burdeaux*, with their owne shippes and sailers from *Newcastle*: so they of *Breame*, *Embsden*, *Holland* and *Zealand* doe serue all *Flaunders*, and the Archdukes Countries, whose shipping is not great: these paying no more then his Maiesties owne naturall subiects, if they transport any coales; which imposition, say our men, made our Countrey men forbear their carrying any more coales abroad, because the *Frenchmen* would not giue about their old rate, and which was worse, thereby they sold away their shippes, some to *France*, some to *Spaine*, some to other Countries; whereby sure their faults are more apparant then their ill fortune, in that though their gaine was lesse at the instant by the imposition then formerly, yet to leaue the Trade, argued neither good spirits, nor great vnderstanding, nor any espeeceall good minde to their Countrey. For whence I pray you came such a necessity to leaue the trade, and to giue ouer shipping, as if they could not liue thereby, when presently forraigne Nations sell to the trade themselves, as is formerly set downe, and fetch away our coales on the same tearmies which we doe refuse; and by report notwithstanding the five shillings imposed, the *French* do sell in *France* one Chauldron of coales

for as much money as will buy three or foure in *Newcastle*, had they held to with patience either they might haue brought the stranger to their price, or else by due order and discreet fashion opened the inconueniency to the state, of the strangers stomach in refusing their Coale, and fetching them their selues, so as they might easily haue wearied them, and wonne their trade and gaine againe; whereas now they are begard, our Countrey disfurnisht of shipping, the stranger keeping his coyne at home, bringeth hither bare and bale commodities, their shipping & Marriners are imployed and increased; and notwithstanding the *Argus* eyes of the Searcher, carry gold away with them, alwaies bringing more in stocke with them, then they carry away in commodities.

For to make a motion to haue this five shillings excused in our owne Nation, is rather profitable then necessary, in regard wee see the stranger thriveth notwithstanding it, & it being done out of his Maiesties royall prerogatiue, & *ex causa lucratiua*, as is apparant by what the stranger gaineth; and the like is willingly embraced here in other transportations, as Beere, &c. were, me thinkes; vndurifull likewise: but to mention a motion very lately made, and generally amongst his Maiesties loyall subjects embraced; Might it please his Maiesty to make and ordaine a Staple Towne in *England* for Sea-coale, and we haue many fit places, and harbours more neere and proper then that of *Tinmouth*, at *Newcastle* (and herein as I am bound in affection to wish well to *London*, so I must, out of

of many mens iudgements, commend *Harewich*,
statio bene fida Carinis, and then lying fit for the
 Low-countries, and indeede open to all Nations
 by the benefite of the large sea which washeth it)
 whereby strangers shall be restrained from further
 Trade to *Newcastle*, and shal all repaire to the said
 Staple Towne to fetch their Coales: Besides that
 it would be an exceeding benefit to his Maiesty,
 it would likewise helpe vs in this our complaint of
 want of shipping: for by this meanes our *Englisb*
 bottomes bringing all the coales to the Staple
 Towne, shall not onely bee set on worke, but in-
 crease will follow in shipping. The *Venetians*
 some time passed being out gone by those of *Zant*
 in their custome, drew the Trade from the *Greci-*
ans and planted, as it were, a Colonie of *Curranes*
 at Venice, if for a little custome, and to pull
 downe their suspected subiects swelling mindes,
 they did so, why should not his Maiesty for the in-
 crease of his shipping, and the relieuing of the
 prostrate estate of his faithfull and humble sub-
 iects, take this warrantable course?

Island voiage entertaineth 120 ships and barks. *Island.*
New found Land employeth some 150 saile, from *New found land*
 all parts, of small ships, but with great hazard, and
 therefore that voyage, feared to be spoiled by hea-
 then and savage, as also by Pirates.

Now followeth the consideration of the *East*, *East Indies*,
Indie Trade, into whose seas, not onely the Riuer
 of *Volga*, as before you heard disemboqueth it self,
 but even the boittome of the *Straights* is emptied
 to fill yp those gulfes, and not so onely, but besides

that many of our best Merchants haue transported their staples thither, it hath also begot out of all Callings, Profession's, and Trades, many more new Merchants: then where there is increase of Merchants, there is increase of trade; where trade increaseth, there is increase of shipping; where increase of shipping, there increase of Mariners likewise: so then rich and large *East Indies*. The report that went of the pleasing notes of the Swannes in *Meander* flood, farre surpassing the records of any other birds in any other places whatsoever, drew thither all sorts of people in great confluence, and with great expectation to heare, and enioy their sweet singing: when they came thither, they found in stead of faire white Swans, greedy Ravens, and deuouring Crows; and heard, in stead of melodious harmony, vntunable and loathsome croaking: in indignation that they were so receiued and deceiued, in stead of applauding, they hissed; and of staying, fledde away. You are now braue *East Indies*, *Meander* flood, your trade is the singing of Swannes, which so many iourney so farre to enioy; God forbidde you should be found so discoloured, and we so ill satisfied. And howsoever that I may be sure to auoyd any detraction, whereby my nature might haue any imputation, or by calling vp more spirits into the circle then I can put downe againe, I might incurre some danger, and be taxed likewise of indiscretion, for that wee onely hitherto haue complained of the want of shipping, wee desire now but herein to suruey the store, and see how you

you helpe the increase: you haue built more ships in your time, and greater farre then any other Merchants ships; besides what you haue bought out of other Trades, and all those wholly belonging to you, there hath beene entertained by you since you first aduentured, one and twentie shippes, besides the now intended voyage of one new shippe of seuen hundred Tunne; and happily some two more of increase. The least of all your shipping is of fourescore Tunne, all the rest are goodly shippes, of such burthen as neuer were formerly vsed in Merchandise; the least and meanest of these last is of some hundred and twentie Tunne, and so go vpward even to eleuen hundred Tunne: you haue set forth some thirteene voyages, in which time you haue built of these, eight new shippes, and almost as good as built the most of the residue, as the *Dragon*, the *Hector*, &c. so that at the first appearance you haue added both strength and glory to the kingdome by this your accession to the Navy: But where I pray you are all these shippes? foure of these are cast away, of the which one was of three hundred Tunne, another of foure hundred, the third of three hundred, and the fourth of eleuen hundred; two more are docked vp there as Pinaces to trade vp and down: the rest are either employed in the Trade in the *Indies*, or at home out of reparations; which if true, if the kingdome should haue need of them on any occasion it shall surely want their seruice; and so then there is not onely no supply to the Navy this way, but hurt euen to the whole kingdome, the woods being

being cut downe, and the shippes either lost, or not seruiceable. Surely stories can shew vs, which we may reade in the courses of common-wealth, how tollerable, nay how laudible it is in all states, to enlarge commerce. Merchants whom wee should respect, can tell vs of the casualties which not onely the shippes, but their estates are subiect to by adventures. Marriners whom we must pity, can teach vs of the ordinary dangers not onely that shippes and goods, but their liues are subiect to by sea: I must not then exprobate that to them which is to be imputed to the sea; nor are they to be blamed out of reason for that which deserueth, in humanity, commisceration; nor is *England* bounded by our Horizon, to goe no further then we see: we haue learned long since, that *Mercatura si leuius sordida, si magna splendida*: the stranger the Countrey, the greater the adventure; the more famous our Nation, the more worthy the Merchant. Before we were, *euē Horace* writ, *Currit Mercator ad Indos*; loath then I am to borrow that saying of *Demosenes* on his courting of *Lais*, to pay it to the *Indian* trade, by alledging, that *Non tanti Emam penitentiam*, onely hauing now in common that *Roman* prouiso, *Ne quid detrimenti resp. Capiat*. Let vs examine that which may moue patience, that our woods are cut downe, and the shippes either lost, or not seruiceable; our woods I say, cut downe in extraordinary manner, neither doe the shippes dye the ordinary death of shippes. Our woods extraordinarily cut downe, in regard of the greatnesse of the shipping, which
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doth as it were deuoure our Timbe. I am able out of sufficient testimony to affirme, that since the *Indian Trade*, and meerely through their building of their ships of so great burthen, and their repairing (the building notwithstanding beganne but fve yeares since) that Timber is raised in the Land fve shillings, and more, in the load, nay almost not to be had for money, which the company (no question) being sencible of, very wisely seeke to helpe themselves in, by building of Ships in Ireland for their seruice, yet it seemeth their encouragement that was, is but *neceſſitouse* in regard by their owne saying, besides the hazard, the charges are little lesse; and which is worse, that kinde of timber is but vntoward for that vse, beeing so extreame heavy, that a ship of a small burden draweth much water. If in fve yeares space their building, together with their repairing of shippes almost equall to building, beget such a scarcitie, what will a little continuance bring forth? Bring forth I cannot say ought, but a priuation will follow euen of all our timber wood. The Kings Navy must be maintained, other Merchants of lower ranke must haue shipping, and the sea-trade may increase, and then either wee must trade without shipping, or make ships without timber.

When the *Norman Conquerour* hauing subdued the most part of the kingdome, passed from *Essex* into *Kent*, which then made head against him, the *Kents* hauing by the aduice of their politrique Bishop and their stout Abbot, cut downe great boughes, and with them in their armes marched

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towards the *Conquerour*, whereby, besides the novelty of the sight, the Army appeared double as big, *William* himselfe so conceiuing it, as also amazed to see woods walke, more feared and discontented with that sight, then otherwise assured with his former successe, condescended to what demands so euer were made by those people, to haue such weapons laid downe, and to gaine such ingenious subiects; whereby, to their eternall benefite, and credite, their persones were neuer in bondage, nor their Lawes altered. In this their Land stratageme, I see our Sea Arts, in that and these woods being the fatall instrument of our fortunes, boughes of Trees kept the *Kentish-men* out of seruitude, when they held them in their hands, and but for shew, their bodies will keepe vs in liberty when they containe vs, and are for seruice, and by their mouing on the water they will amaze both *French* and *Spanish*, and whomsoever, and keepe them, and all others, from comming neere vs: Out of which prouident fore-sight, our most worthy Princes formerly raigning, haue made diuers Lawes in fauour of Timber trees, and our most noble King hath provided thereto with new accessions for the preserving and increasing of them; but that a parricide of woods should thus be committed by building of ships, it was neuer thought on by any of our royall *Solons*, and therefore there was no prouiso for it: Nay, this inconvenience was so little suspected, that our said famous Princes haue provided cleane contrary, with great bounty and indulgence, hauing encouraged

35 Hen. 8. 17.
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raged by reward out of their owne purses the builders of great ships; as bestowing on the builders five shillings on the Tun for euery Tunne that is builded aboue one hundred Tun in a ship, so necessary did the Prince thinke his maintainance of shipping, the accession thereof consisting much in their greatnesse, to the honour and safety of the Kingdome, & such vse he made account he should haue of them; whereas now this way he contributeth to the spoile of his woods, to the losse of the ships, and to the hurt of the kingdome: I hard a Ship-wright say on the losse of the *Trads Increase*, that if you ride forty miles from about *London*, you could not finde sufficient Timber to build such an other; it was a ship of eleuen hundred Tunne, for beauty, burthen, strength, and sufficiency, surpassing all Marchants ships whatsoeuer, but alas shee was but shewen, out of a cruell destiny shee was ouertaken with an vntimely death in her youth, and strength, being deuoured by those Iron wormes of that Country, that pierced her heart, and brake many a mans withall, memorable in her misfortune, onely redounding to the Commonwealthes losse; for as for the Marchants, though I pittie their aduentures with all my heart, yet in this their part of losse was least, for all their goods were on shore, and she had brought abundance out of the *Mesha* Fleete, which she did both tith and roll, and thanks be to God, they are more then saouours by what is returned from her, and more then that often, by the grace of God, will come from her to the Marchants gaine.

The like vntimely fall had the other three of great burthen, gallant ships, neuer hauing had the fortune to see their native soile againe, or the honour to doe their Country any seruice, in respect of all other ships that wander ordinarily to other Countries, therefore I may iustly say that they die not the ordinary death of ships, who commonly haue some rest, and after long seruice die full of yeares, and at home, much of their Timber seruing againe to the same vse, besides their Ironworke, and the rest otherwise seruiceable, and not in this bloody and vnseasonable fashion, rather in deed as coffins full of liue bodies, then otherwise as comfortable ships; for the rest that liue, they come home so crazed and broken, so maimed and vnmanned, that whereas they went out strong, they returne most feeble, and whereas they were carried forth with Christians, they are brought home with Heathen; what the profits are to the Marchants, for so great an aduenture I know not, I am sure amends cannot easily be made for so great a losse, euen in this point which is our speciall subject now, for wast of woods, & spoile of shipping. I And thus we haue struoyed all the fountaines whence our shipping especially doth flow, which before I shut vp, I remember me of a new spring in *Greeneland*, that bathed some ships and burdeth them likewise with her owne naturall freight, with the which the Whale is so richly loaden withall, this place is but of late frequented so especially, and hath employed this last yeare some foure teene ships, and more would do, but that the

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poore Fishermen, who though they knew the place before, yet being belike afraid of the Whale, are now swallowed vp in the Whales Ships.

The Moscou Merchants haue procured an inhibition from all others from fishing there.

I cannot find any other worthy place of forraigne anchorage; for the *Bermudas* we know not yet what they will doe; and for *Virginia* wee know not well what to do with it, the present profite of those not employing any store of Shipping, & for this other it is yet but *Embriou*, no question a worthy enterprise and of great consequence, much about the Marchants leuell and reach, and sure in regard of the great expences they haue bene at, & the poore returne that is made, they are much to be regarded and commended for holding out so long, I could wish that as many of the Nobility, and Gentry of the Land haue willingly embarqued themselues in the labour, so the rest of the Subiects, might be vr- ged to help to forme and bring forth this birth not of an Infant, but of a mā; nay, of a people, of a kingdome, wherein are many kingdomes. When *Alcmena* was in trauel with *Hercules*, the Poets say *Iupiter* was faine to be Mid-wife; and sure as we haue the countenance of our earthly *Iupiter*, so we are humbly, to enplore the propitious presence of our heauenly God, towards the perfection of this so great a worke, & so leauing to meddle further with what we haue nothing to do, let vs returne to our Ships our of whose entertainmēts we may either reioyce at their increase, or by other obseruations preuent their decay; & because we propounded to our selues the necessity of our home fishing out of the want of our Shipping, we will affirme that by this our

superficiall view we find a decay thereof, and that out of two reasons; beca use that in places formerly frequented, our shipping lesseneth, and in places new found, they do not succeed: we haue giuen reasonable probability of these already without any pleasure, and there is no need of repetition, and it will be more apparant in the preferring of this desire of Fishing, out of the examination of the next inducement thereto, which is *Want of*

Want of Mariners.

Mariners they vse the weapons, shippes; they weare the ornaments, shippes, out of them ships, are strength and pleasure: otherwise they are but pictures that haue but a shew, or are as carkasses bereft of life. It is the good Pilot that bringeth the shippe to the hauen: It is the wise Maister that gouerneth the men in the ship; but without men the maister cannot gouerne, nor the shippe goe: What is a Leader without an Army, and that of Souldiers? the same reason of sea-men in a shippe; the body must haue life, bloud and flesh: the same are sea-men to a shippe. *Columbus* found out the new world, *Drake* brought home the hidden treasure in a Ship; but they were both prouided well of men, and gouerned well: therefore as Shippes are manned, and as Maisters vse their men, so ordinarily their Shippes succede. As for this last matter of gouernment, it is besides our businesse, we will leaue that to whō it concerneth. Now thē though we cannot vse shipping without men, and therefore they must goe together; yet wee must consider the one after the other, and hawing looked

ked into the strength of the one, we wil view in the state of the other, in the which we will not bee long, for that the subiect is vnpleasant, and our tale is halfe told already: for the consequence is necessary. As Shippes are employed, so men are busied.

For *Moscow*, it is apparant that the shipping thitherward is decayed; so neither Marriners are well imployed that way, nor any Sea-men almost bred: the Fleete that went ordinarily thitherward entertained three or foure Nouices in a Ship, and so bred them vp Sea-men, which might make in the whole happily some fourescore men yearely, which was well for their parts. Now then there were some five hundred Marriners and Saylers imployed withall: so then this way there is want.

The like reason of the Straights in their proportion, the very bottome of the Straights failing in thirty Shippes, maketh yearely seuen hundred Sea-men and Marriners at the least, seeke some other courses which were that way imployed, besides the vnder growth hindred of some hundred and forty Sea-men yearly, and but that I am loath to renew our complaints, I would say it were great pittie of this so great an ebbe of our men in these seas, for that besides the voyages were of encouragement even to the *Frie*, all in generall commonly went and returned in good health, a shippe seldom loosing a man in a voyage; nay, I heard a proper maister of a shippe say, that in eightene yeares, wherein he frequented those parts, he lost

not two men out of his Ship, and whatſoeuer may bee imputed to the incontinency of our men, or the vnwholeſomenesse of the women in other places, surely in those parts I heare the common sort of women to be as dangerous, and the generallity of our men as idely disposed.

Naples, Ligerne, Marseilles, and those parts of the Straights may employ some foure hundred men, and breed of these about forty.

Malega employing besides some foure hundred men, the employment that may come by all other places in *Spaine* and *Portugall*, not arriuing to foure hundred men in regard of the pouerty of the trade, and the superfluity of the commodities, it being indeed rather entertained because they will not be idle, otherwise then that they are well busied, like foode that keepeth life, not else maintaineth strength; yet it hath a pretty mystery in it, that though the gaine scarce prouideth for the Marrchants liuelihood, yet the commodities make the Land merry; and howſoeuer I am of the opinion that the former hostile state busied more sea-men then twice the Trade of *Spaine* can nourish, yet I differ from those that would rather by reprisally make souldiers, then by nourishing commerce encrease Marriners.

Our Shipping into *France*, is not such as it hath beene, but nourseth many yong men, or rather sheweth them the sea, and may busie some seuen or eight hundred men.

Hambrough and *Middlebrough* alwaies haue bene counted the ancient Mountaines of Marriners,

ners for the States service on all occasions, being ready at hand, and therefore as we wished well to their Shippes, so wee desire encouragement to the men; there may be belonging to their employment some foure or five hundred Marriners and Sea-men.

Norway and the *Sound*, may breed and employ some foure hundred men; those parts being most frequented, those commodities most brought in by the *Hollanders*.

Newcastle voyage is the next, and if not the onely, yet the especiall nursery, and schoole of sea-men; for, as it is the chiefest in employment of sea-men, so it is the gentlest and most open to land men; they neuer grudging in their smalest vessels to entertaine some two fresh men or, learners; whereas, to the contrary, in the Shippes that voyage to the South-ward, or otherwise, farre out of the Kingdome, there is no Owner, or Maister, that will, ordinarily entertaine any land-man, be hee neuer so willing, as being bound by their *Charter-partie* to the Marchant, as they say, not to carry but sufficient men, and such as know their labour, and can take their turne at the helme toppe and yard, it is by great fauour that others slip in, and they very likely, and therefore whereas in former adventures I allow them the bringing vp of two or three men in a voyage, it is in generall to bee vnderstood, that they were first trained vp, either amongst the Coliers in this iourney, or else came out of Fishermens Boates, and yet but nouices to those Seas and Saylor,

So then this Trade, without all exception, admits of all sorts that neuer see the sea before, whereby are yeerely bred and employed, out of the great store of shippes busied therein, some two or three thousand people; a great comfort to youth, and men that want employment, and a great stay to the Sea state, that shall haue need on all occasions of their helpe: I haue shewed my good will enough, being so priuate, to further their employment, and being so ignorant I must not bee bolder.

Island entertaineth, asketh and nourisheth some two thousand five hundred men, after the number of shipping and barques set downe, and ordinarily employed.

New found Land may breed and employ some fiteene hundred; but seeing what discouragements they haue, what casualties they are subiect to, we may iudge of their incertainty.

Out of the extraordinary number of all people busied in these two former employments, it is no vnecessary obseruation, that in any Trade in particular, our coale excepted, our especiall employment, nourishment, and encrease of Sea-men, is euen this in forraine fishing, which I hope will proue but petty, when it commeth to be balanced with our home fishing.

The last Consistance of Shipping propounded, was that of the *East Indies*, which though yongest, was found in shew and state to haue ouer-topped all the rest; as a bird that maketh her selfe gay with the feathers of all other fowles, hauing

hauing borrowed; nay, hauing bought the best Shippes out of other Trades to honour their voyage, and plumed euen *Constantinople* her selfe, of her shipping, therefore that men are entertained extraordinarily in this voyage, it is apparant out of the greatnesse of the Shipping, the entertainment of them increasing, it should be a consequent that Sea-men encrease this way, but that wee may not by ambages tryumph in their losse, or our calamities, wee see this way that our Shippes perish, and therefore our men they shrinke; nay, though Shippes come home, yet they leaue the men behind; so in this voyage, there is a two-fold way towards our want of Mariners.

In that Shippes, nay great Shippes, are extraordinarily subiect to bee cast away, and then there must bee losse likewise of men; In that though they come, they come home emptied of their men.

By the losse of foure Shippes, wee haue lost at the least foure hundred and fifty men, and in the aduenture of some three thousand that haue beene employed since that voyage beganne, wee haue lost many aboute two thousand.

Dauid refused to drinke of the Well of *Bethelme*, which the strong men had fetcht, when he thirsted and longed, because it was the price of blood. This Trade, their commodities are at a farre deerer rate, being bought with so many mens liues.

But happily some will say that the greatest losse

of these men was at the beginning, when as all things are difficult; but sure, our men framed to a better composition of themselves, to the variety of this climate, and heartned to the tediousnes of this voyage, haue better endured and overcome those difficulties, and returned more comfortably: heerein the latest voiaiges will enforme vs best, and we will instance in the three last that haue made returnes.

The first was vnder Sir *Henry Middleton*, whose former gouernement in that kinde of voyage, had approued his wisdom and moderation, his ship was that famous and unfortunate vessell of eleuen hundred Tun, his company in that ship hauetwo hundred and twenty men, after foure yeares errors vp and downe the sea, wherein hee vnderwent many constructions at home, and overcame strange difficulties abroad; hauing to his eternall reputaion of pollicy and courage, out-gone the perfiduous Turke, and reuenged their barbarous wrongs, to the Marchants gaine, and the kingdomes repute: after he, and his had, I say, bene accompanied with many sorrowes, with labour, hunger, heate, sickenesse, and perill, that worthy Commander, with many a sufficient Marriner, with the whole number (ten excepted) of his liue *Cargachon* perished in that Alcedama, in that bloody field of *Bantam*.

Nicholas Downton, the Vice-admirall of that Fleete returned, and of seuentie hee carried forth, brought home some twenty; the rest, their labours and liues were sacrificed to that implacable

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East Indian *Neptune*, the Darling of that voyage is yet there, nor neuer will the maister, an approved sea-man, returne, with diuers others.

The second was that of Captaine *Saris*, and Captaine *Towersonne* men formerly exercised in those iourneys, and therefore thought meete to command; whether they were short of the opinion conceiued of them or no, I know not; if they were, I should attribute part of the losse of their men to their insufficiency, but that the destiny of that countrey chalengeth it all to it selfe: Captaine *Towersson* who first returned, hauing left behinde him of some hundred and twenty carried forth, fourescore and fise, and Captaine *Saris* of some 90 and odde not hauing brought home about two or three and twenty: the *Thomas* of that voyage, which went forth with some 60 men, was brought home by way of a wrecke, you know the destruction of men that name importeth.

The third, that of Captaine *Tho. Best*, Admirall of the Fleete, a man whose former behaiour in sea-affaires, drew into that iourney with great expectation, and which is very seldome and hard, his carriage in this employment went beyond that great expectation of a repofed demeanour, indulgent to his men, vigilant in his charge, his courage like to his cariaage, and his fortune about all, he checked the Indians, hee mated the Portugals: those honour our King, these feare his forces, hee settled a trade in *Cambaya*, reduced things in order in *Bantam*, brought riches home for the Merchants, and kept reputation for himselfe;

Captaine *Permerton* that escaping imprisonment at *Moha*, iourneying in that vnkowne countrey 15 miles by night, got to the sea-side, and finding a small Canow, made a saile of his shirt, and a mast of a stick, and so recouered the ships.

By staying an *Armenian* ship, wherein at least were some 400 men bound to the Indies, and commanding the Port, hee drew from them plaine dealing, and made honorable conditions for the merchant. He encountered foure Gallions, wherein might be some two thousand men.

yet for all this he had, *Nemetin in dorfe*, the Indian vengeance haunted his shippe euen to our coasts, of some hundred and eighty men vnder him when he went forth, depriuing him of one hundred and odde men for euer, some foure or fise and twenty of the remainder are left on the desperate account of men for the countries faste-ridge, onely thirty are returned. In two great sea-fights with the Portugalles and their Gallions, which continued foure whole dayes, hee lost not foure men, it was not then the fortune of the war; neither out of want of ought that victuals & good gouernment could affoord, imputations to some other voyages, nor had the length of time any fault, part of others bane, he hauing made the voyage in shorter space then any other ordinarily; the dogged starre of those clymates, the stench of those countries were his fatalitie.

As one Swallow maketh no Summer, so it is not much to bee maruailed, that in all these voyages some one shippe hath beene but scarred, and not else much hurt in this iourney; she indeed but euen seeing those coasts, and presently on so great a glut of our men and ships, with the which it seemeth the sea and land was then busied and full, when as Captaine *Newport* returned with little losse, and in short time.

Now then as we haue said before, that the Indian shippes dye not the ordinary death of shippes, and that we haue shewen likewise before, that men do dye extraordinarily in this voyage, which is almost incredible; they are distressed likewise after
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their death, and that is very apparant by the ~~an~~ account made to their heires of what they had in possession in their life time, by what should otherwise be due to them in their purchase, by the calamities of their wiues, children and friends after their death. Fabulous and phantasticall legeds haue beene made of the restless death of many concealed extortioners, and murderers; whose ghosts haue been said to walke in paine and penance: on the contrary, how many liue bodies, indeed the true images of the diseased, complaine one the death, call for the due of their friends, fathers, husbands, children, kinsfolkes and creditors, poore *Ratlife, Lime-house, Blacke-wall, Shadwell, Wapping*, and other Sea townes abroad can sensibly tell: the Merchant he is at home, and therefore he cannot embezell the goods abroad; and it is likely that what is directly proued due is paid here to theirs, then is the calamity of that iourney more fearefull, because out of his owne ill planet it maketh so many miserable. How this is recompenced it is neither my purpose, nor my part to examine: for certaine there is want of trade, the Hollander would grow greater, if hee had all his trade in his owne hands: the Kings customes are now aduanced, this way Shipwrights are set on worke, which must be maintained, and other Mechanicall trades liue hereby, with a number of poore busied: and surely he that would not haue the poore to liue, I would he might begge; and he that would not aduance the Kings profite in all liberall manner, and merchandise is a faire meanes,

meanes, would he might dye : and he that regardeth not his countries good, it is pittie hee was euer borne. I desire not, like a second *Phaeton*, to make a combustion; all that I would enforce at this time is, that in this trade our men are consumed, and thereby more want of marriners : let the *Straights* men, and the *Lisborne* merchants complaine of their hinderance this way, and say their *trade* before was more beneficiall by much, and more certaine to the Custome-house then the *Indies* be now. Let others report that the foundation of this trade was layd in the ruine of a *Cavick* that *sir James Lancaster* tooke in the first voyage, and that the maine of this iollity proceeded of the forced trade driuen with the *Mecha* Fleete by *Sir Henry Middleton*, whereby diuers durst not goe presently after to the *Straights*, as the *Angell*, and other shippes, out of rumour of reuenge for violence offered by our Indian men to the *Turkes* in the red sea. Let the cōmon people say that their commodities are vnneccessary, aske the *Trades* men, nay all men, what they haue cheaper : looke into the price of viſuals how it riseth out of their great prouisions. Let the whole land mnrmore at the transport of treasure, and bring in *Charles* the fifth his opinion, speaking to the *Portugals* of their trade to the *East Indies*, who said that they were the enemies to *Christendome*, for they caried away the treasure of *Europe* to enrich the heathen : let goe the speech of the small reliefe thereby to the poore, and they whom it doth concerne may suggest the *Indian* home state and particular profite

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profite: once I am sure, that as *Vespasian* the Emperour sayd, hee had rather saue one Citizen, then kill one thousand enemies; so his royall Maiesty had rather haue his subiects then custome for them, and you see plainly that his Maiesties subiects, our countrey-men, fall this way, and this way is want of Marriners.

Greenland ships, which before I had forgotten, entertaine some Marriners, and helpe to breed others, as of late being fifteene saile, employ some foure hundred men, and may breed of these some fourescore, which helpe somewhat, and may be by reasonable encouragement farre more beneficiall, if it be more publicke.

And thus we haue run ouer the material trades, state and condition in them of sea-men, in all in generall we conceiue want, in regard of the small increase of what is needfull to furnish this great *Machina*; this goodly engine of our sea-state, either by supporting their own members (the *Newcastle* trade excepted) or all ioyned together, to make vp the great body of our lands Nauy, witnesse that generall presse that was made of men from all the coasts, to man the ships that were to attend that matchlesse pearle, that pearlesse Princessse the Lady *Elizabeth* her grace, with her hopefull and happy mate, the *Illustrious Palatine*, at their departure; and our nakednesse that would appeare if there were sudden occasion to furnish some sixe of his Maiesties shippes: all which maketh for the furtherance of our proposition of Fishing.

The third motiue hereto was *want of Employment.*

As the Cosniographers in their Mappes, where in they haue described the habitable Globe, vse to set downe in the extremity of their Cards, on vnknowne Regions and Clymates, that beyond those places they haue noted, there is nothing but sands without water, full of wilde beasts, or congealed seas, which no ship can saile, or *Scythians* liue in, so may I write in the Mappe of employment, that out of it, without it, is nothing but fordid idlenesse, base condition, filling the minde with a hundred Chymeraes and grosse fantasies, and defiling both body and minde with dissolute courses and actions, like fat ground neglected, that bringeth forth a thousand sorts of weedes, or vnprofitable hearbes; and with this disease is our land affected, our people infected; whereby so many come to an vntimely and reprochfull death in the land, and many more liue so dissolutely, and so wickedly on the seas, I doe not thinke that in any two kingdomes in Europe there are so many Iustized for Murderers and Felons yearly, as in *England*; and aboue all Nations wee are most infamous for Pyracies, wherein, against the Law of Sea-robbers, or at least besides ordinary example of any other Nation, we forbear not to preyon our owne Countrey-men; nay, wee forbear not our owne acquaintance: sure the want of grace, and feare of God, is much in most of these: but that men should leaue their wiues, children, and family, and rebell against their owne soueraignes lawes

lawes, and make warre on all people, proceedeth more out of want of meanes, want of employment at home, besides how many that haue more grace, and the same wants, are straightned in their Fortunes, notwithstanding their abilities of body and minde; and are, as it were, 'damned to pouerty; and more then all these that haue a little grace, and lesse meanes, that leade the loathsome life of begging.

Now if the meanes may bee found, nay if the meanes long found already be offered vnto vs, to redeeme vs out of this disaster, why should wee not vnderstand them? why should wee not apprehend them? why should we not bee industrious in them? We are not those rebellious Israelites that could not see the flowing land, much lesse enioy it: we haue this place in possession, and if my *Ephemerides* faile me not, I dare say, *Natam inter eum artem*, that shall not onely take away all these discontents and miseries, that want of employment breedes in any of our infortunate countrey-men, but that shall also repaire our Nauy, breede sea-men abundantly, enrich the subiect, aduance the Kings custome, and assure the kingdome; and all this in our owne seas, by fishing, and especially out of Herring; towards the which, apparant necessity hauing hitherto made vs the way, we are to perswade you to follow in it by to the

Facilitie,
Profite, and
Vse of this Fishing.

The Facility, in that the meanes are in our owne hands.

The Place, our owne seas.

The Art well knowne.

The meanes in our owne hands, in that we haue all things that shall bee vsed about this businesse, growing at home in our owne land (Pitch and Tarre excepted) whereas the *Hollander* hauing nothing growing in their owne land for it, is faine to go to fixe seuerall Countries, and those remote, and vnder diuers Princes, to furnish themselves, and doe furnish themselves meereley with the barter of Fish and Herring taken out of our seas.

Then the place is not farre remoued, if in our owne Seas, if in his Maiesties dominions, on the coast of *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland* is this principall fishing: for by the report of many exercised in this mystery, and the relation of two especially, painfull herein by their Treatises, *Hitchcookes* and *Gentlman*.

The Herrings first, and towards the ending of Summer, shoot out of the deepes on both sides of *Scotland* and *England*, and begin to do first so, on the *Scots* coasts at Mid-summer, when is the first and worst fishing.

The second and best is about *Bartholmewside*, from *Scarborough* in *Yorkeshire* till you come to the *Thames* mouth.

The third from the *Thames* mouth through the narrow seas, but not so certaine, for that extreame weather maketh them shoote on both sides.

fides of *Ireland*; likewise on the Coast of *Ireland* is good fishing for Herring, from *Michaelmas* to *Christmas*.

On the North-west seas of *England*, ouer against *Carlisle*, about *Wirkentowne*, is good fishing for herring from *Bartholmewside* till foureteene dayes after *Michaelmas*; so then it appeareth by these reports, that this fishing for Herring is especially on his Maiesties Dominions, and to this end aske the ancient custome of the *Hollanders* and *Flemming*, that before they beganne their fishing for Herring, craued leaue of *Scarborough* afore sayd, which easily obtained, they then laid their Nets; and howsoeuer it pleaseth his Maiesty to allow of his royall Predecessours bounty, in tollerating the neighbour Nations to fish in his streames, yet other Princes take more straighter courses; for whereas till *Christmas* on the coast of *Norway* called the *Mall Serand*, all strangers doe fish, as *Hitchcockes* writeth, they then paid a *youbendale*, on euery Last of Herring, to the King of *Denmarke*; and I can likewise remember, that certaine of our Marchants of *Hull* had their goods and Shippes taken away, and themselues imprisoned, for fishing about the Ward-house, and not paying the duety imposed on by the King of *Denmarke*.

The place, our Seas likewise, for other necessary and profitable fishing, on the Coast of Lancashire from Easter to Midsummer, for Cod, or Hakes, twixt Wales and Ireland, from *Whitsontide* yntill Saint Iames-tide, for Cod,

and Ling about *Padstow*, within the Lands end of Seuerne, from *Christmas* to middle Lent, and in feuen or eight seuerall places more about the Coasts, and within his Maiesties Dominions, the which is largely set downe by *Hitchcockes*.

Now besides this, fishing treasure lyeth easily to bee found in our owne Seas, what good Harbours sitting thereto lye open to vs in our owne Coasts, as *Colchester*, *Harwich*, *Ipswich*, *Tarmouth*, with a number of other, set downe painfully by *Gentleman*, together with the commodities they affoord for Timber, Workmanship, furnishing, and harbouring Busses, Nets, and Men.

As the Hauens lye open to vs, as the Seas bee our owne, and as we haue all things almost sitting for such a businesse at home, and naturally, so that nothing may bee wanting to vs but our selues; the Art is well knowne to vs likewise, Maisters for Busses may be had from *Tarmouth* and *Sould*, and the rest of the Coasts downe the Riuer; vse maketh Fishermen, and these places affoord store of Seafaring men for the purpose. In *Orford* Hauen and *Alborough* be many good Fishermen, whose abilities exercised in Busses, would (by *Gentlemans* report) put downe the *Hollander*; the like may be sayd of *Sould*, *Dunwich*, *Walderswich*, which breede Fishermen: In all these, and many other places, is this rich Art knowne, but not vsed; in all these, and all other, the *Hollanders* swimme like Elephants, we wading like Sheepe; wee keepe the Bankes and Shoales, when as they are in the depth.

Besides.

Besides, to encourage vs the more, the charges are not great, the paines are not great, the time is not long, the hazard is nothing at all; this is very apparant, and exactly set downe in *Gentleman* his Treatise, whom I shall but obscure to contract, neither is he long.

The next motiue to this fishing, was that of profite; wherein if euer it were true, that a good cause maketh a good Oratour, heere is a subiect to enable all meane Rhetoricians: Euery man almost is taken with the attention to profite; loue doth much, but mony doth all; heere is money, heere is profite in abundance, and diuers waies; in abundance, for that the whole charge of a Bussse, with all furniture and appurtenances, betweene thirty and forty Last, will cost about fve hundred pounds, the charges for keeping her a whole Summer at Sea, may bee some three hundred three score and fve pounds; the whole Summer filleth her three times, with making one hundred Last of Barrells, amounteth to one thousand pounds; whereby, allowing one hundred pounds for weare of ships, and reparations of nets, there is gained fve hundred sixty fve pounds by one Bussse in one yeare, and this is after ten pounds the Last, which was so rated in *Hitchcockes* time, which is some thirty three yeares agoe; the *Hollander* now selling them for fiftene, twenty pounds, and vpward the Tunne, at *Danske*: Hence one may gather of the great gaine, that euen riseth to a priuate purse, by this fishing, with small a aduenture, Busses being the maine (and those likely likewise

That is betweene sixty and eighty tunne.

to continue, by Gods grace, some twenty yeares) so then her charges returned for keeping her at sea; the first yeare also she quitted her owne selfe, and there is, I say, five hundred sixty five pounds, as long as she liueth afterwards *Declare*; I would faine know, not desiring to bee too curious in a strange Common wealth, but rather to inuite my Country-men into this society, what Trade in the Land did euer in his strength promise so much; howsoeuer, neuer any, I am sure, performed so much, so easily, so continually.

When *Antiochus*, in his shew to *Hanniball* of his glorious Army in battell range, his Elephants being most richly adorned, and all his souldiers in very braue and costly harnessse and abillments, willing to draw some acknowledgement from him of his power and strength, asked his opinion of it: the warlike souldier replied againe, that it was an Army able to satisfie the most couetous enemy: No question, though the *Carthaginians* noted the people of cowardise, yet it would require great charges, and cost some bloud to ouercome such an Army.

In the best Trade in apparance now that is (and in those Countries certaine there are infinite riches) you see how remote it is, and with what cost of purse, and losse of people followed, yet without such satisfaction; Here is wealth enough to satisfie the most thirsty thereof, without much cost, without any spoyle; euen almost *Salmada spolia*, if not *sine sudore, sine sanguine*, and not for a time but permanent; All other Trades are fetched,

ched, as it were, out of a Well, out of the Deepe, I meane from farre, heere is a meere spring which is in superfluous hard by vs, out of our owne inexhaustable Sea, from the euerlasting store of Herring, whence onely the *Hollander* reapeth a million of gold yearely; besides, the most gainfull fishing with other vessels for Cod and Ling, *Hitchcockes* long agoe discovered the same, his booke is extant; and fore-named *Gentleman* hath very plainly set downe, and in very probable and particular manner disclosed the mysteries thereof, and the conceipt the *Hollanders* hath of it, calling it their *Chiefest Trade and gold Mine*: and the confidence they haue in it, as laying out their childrens mony giuen them by friends, in aduenturing in Busses, and fathers likewise putting in their childrens portions into Busses, presume of the encrease that way, and so proportion a summe certaine out of that gaine, in a certaine time, as also that there is for Orphanes laid out, and so encreasing that way for the maintainance of them: heere then we may get treasure in abundance, and certainly, and besides the gaining of it, we shall stay the vnnaturall tyde of the departure and transportation of our gold; a mischief which notwithstanding our royall King was sensible of, in the raising of it, yet it still departeth with *Vestigia nulla retrorsum*, out of the lazy and disgracious Merchandize of our Coasters, that giue away our coine to the stranger for our owne fish, which vnseasonable and vnprofitable humour of *Couponacion* is this way to be diuerted onely.

But some will say, that our men are not so apt, nor disposed thereto, which cannot be, in regard of the store of Fishermen that our Coasts nourisheth, which liue as hardly, and take as great paines in their fashion, onely wanting the vse of Busses, and seeme to reioice at the name of Busses, and may on very good reason; for that this Buss-fishing is more easy then any other kind of fishing, which now wee vse in Crapers and Punts, as being armed this way better against all weathers, which other suffer and perish in, in other vessels yearly; and as their prouisions are better, and the dangers lesse, so their paines are likewise lesse.

Againe, who will not bee exceedingly encouraged with the benefite of such gaine, in so honest a manner, when once the sweete is tasted of, when as otherwise our Countymen runne such labourious and desperate courses, especially out of want.

Others will say that our Land will not vtter them in any quantity, in regard that the feeding on herring, and fish, doth not taste vs, nor is so receiued as amongst those *Holland* and *Scaland* Mermaids: and sure, if those necessary Lawes provided by our aduised State, for the keeping of fish daies cleane through our Land were better obserued, it would be more wholesome for our bodies, and make much for the aduancing of our fish and plenty of other victuals; besides the deerenesse of our fish victuall, which more hurteth our purse then our appetites, for that the price is within this 20. yeares almost trebled, which indeed maketh the

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true distast as all Householders finde, and thereon
 feede their households with flesh, and otherwise,
 this fish victuall being now obtained by Merchan-
 dize, which indeed is of our owne staple commo-
 dity, whereon groweth this penury to the poore,
 this great price to others, this diuise to all, and in
 these the Kings, the Kingdomes losse: yet notwith-
 standing there is such quantity of herring, besides
 other fish consumed amongst vs, that *Hitchcockes*
 alloweth 10000 Lasts for our prouision of her-
 ring to be spent here in the Realme; so that it would
 saue at home 100000 pounds of treasure, which
 to our shame and losse the *Hollanders* carryeth
 away, euen for our owne prouision: besides, that
 prouision is of the worst, such as they call Roope-
 sicke, & such as they are forbidden to bring home.
 Now to be serued of our worst, whereas we might
 be our owne caruers, and to giue our gold for that
 we may haue for nothing; iudge of the losse, of
 the indignity: and as wee may easily remedy this
 by our owne industry, so we cannot otherwise
 excuse the fault. Our gracious Prince, no que-
 sition, being ready to assist vs herein by the same
 fauourable authority which other Trades for their
 benefite taste most plentifully of, by forbidding
 the sale and vttering of herring to his loyall sub-
 iects by any forrainer or stranger whatsoever;
 and in *Holland* it is not lawfull for them to buy
 any of our Herring, if they bee brought thither;
 nay, if wee bring any thither they are burned, be-
 sides what other effects of his incomparable cle-
 mency would blesse our industries heerein, hee

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being Lord *Paramount* of these Seas where th is
 fishing food groweth, and which now is taken by
 strangers, and therefore hee would not question-
 lesse allow strangers to eate vp the foode that was
 provided for the children; the crummes we would
 not enuy them, though wee are now fed vnder
 their Table.

Now farther it may be alleaged, that we can vt-
 ter no such quantity, nor can affoord no such pe-
 nyworth: For the first, that must arise out of our
 dilligence, no question we once attaining the Art
 of the Flemish vsage of these Herring, they
 will bee in as great estimation as the Hollanders,
 in *Normandy, Nants, Burdeaux, Rosbell*, and other
 such Countries; for which, returne is made of
 Wine and Woad, for which is alwaies paid rea-
 dy gold, with a number of other commodities:
 They will bee in as great estimation in the East
 Countries, *Reuel, Rie, Russe, Danske, Poland,*
Denmarke, the returnes whereof are set downe
 in *Gentleman*, and the quantity of Herring that
 these fore-named Countries consume is infinite;
 therefore though the Hollanders spend more
 Fish and Herring by much in their Countries
 then wee doe, yet it is their forraine Trade with all
 other Nations that is their *Basis*, else they could
 neuer employ so-many Shippes, nor gaine such
 wealth, or get such strength thereby: And in
 all these places wee can and doe Trade, and
 all their returnes wee neede and vse, and there-
 fore may vtter them in as great a quantity as they
 doe.

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Then for the affoording of Herring and Fish at as good a rate as they can, let any consider of the likelihood in our behalfe, first it standeth with reason if wee haue the like vessels, wee can goe with as few men, and our fishermen on the Coast, by diuers reports can liue as hardly as they; and let any iudge of the hardnesse when the principall time of fishing for Herring is in September and October, and a fixe weekes time, and they are almost in sight of our owne Coasts; and besides good prouision of butter and cheese and Beere, they haue the plenty of the sea-fish: then this way wee may affoord as good peny-worths as they; but I goe further, and say that we haue great vantages of them.

The seas be our owne, therefore wee iourney not so farre as the Hollander doth, whereby likewise our trauaile and charge must bee lighter. our ports, harbours and roades be at hand; nay, which is more, all *utensiles* an appurtenances belonging to shipping as is before shewed (Pitch and Tarre excepted) are found in our owne land; whereas they with great cost and paines & hazard fetch them from fixe seuerall places: so then wee shall bee able to affoord better cheape then the Hollanders; and so wee may sell when they cannot, and so the *English* shall and may weary them, and weare out those floutes wherewith our poore Fisher-men are scorned: for if they bee put by the vttering of their Herrings abroad, they will bee driuen to leaue their great ships, and fish in smaller vessels neere the

You English,
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shore to serue their owne turnes, as heretofore they haue caused vs to doe; when as likewise on euery tempest they openly triumph ouer vs for not taking the blessings of God powred into our lappes.

These hinderances obieſted taken away, wee may now resort againe to the sweete fountaine of profite; which besides that it watereth our priuate estates with the continuall spring of great gaine, keepeth in our treasure, which exceedingly now wasteth, bringeth in all commodities that either the East and North Countries, *France*, or *Flanders* affords euen for this barter; it runneth into the sea of the Kings custome, the venting onely of tenne thousand last of Herring beyond sea, cometh to fise thousand pounds after the rate of the ordinary poundage, besides the custome of Cod and Ling, very neere as valuable as the benefit of Herring, the particular view wherof is set downe by him whom I haue so often named, and in whose booke you may see the greatnesse of the custome amounting to aboue 50000 pound sterling that accrueth to those Countries out of this fishing Trade; and yet all this to them is nothing: their keeping in their treasure, their carrying away our treasure, their abundance with all other commodities, their greatnesse of their custome this way, is nothing in regard of their profit, honor, safety, that their increase of shipping, increase of Mariners this way begetteth to themselves, amongst all nations to their state.

The life of the sea is in shipping, nay one may say

say to shippes, *Mare non est mare, vos estis mare*, the beauty of the sea is in shipping, and sure the Poets affirming *Venus* to be the daughter of the sea, might meane a shippe by her: for *hac una Venus omnium surripuit Veneres*; and this little land of the *Hollanders*, exceeded in quantity by *Norfolke* and *Suffolke*, haue gotten this sea, haue gained this *Venus*; *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Spaine* for shipping and sea faring men not answerable to them, and all spawned out of fish and fishing.

There hath beene numbred in sight two thousand saile of Busses, and other good vessels gone out to sea at once of the *Hollanders*, and there hath beene found by computation some thirty seuen thousand Fishermen in diuers sorts of vessels at one time employed herein: hence proceedeth their great vndertakings, and prodigious aduenturing to all places: hereby they out-goe vs, and ouer-beare all trades where euer they come. Wee thinke the West Indie gold to be the cause of the pride and presumption of *Spaniards*; we may assure our selues that our North Indies counteruaile that treasure, and are the onely confidence of the *Hollander* euen by breeding sea-men, and increasing of shipping in that aboundance, as that hereby they both swarme euery where, and *France*, *Spaine* and the East Countries are full of their shipping; hence they fetch our coales, and carry them abroad; from *Norway* and *Danske* they bring vs all commodities, and carry forth ours at a farre better rate then we can our selues: they haue filled *Moscouie* whence we are emptied, with thither shipping,

shipping, and the *Straights* abound with them, once our possession: they go into, nay they arme in the West Indies where we may not bee seene; and in the East Indies they haue had long settled factories before vs, and haue foure men to one of ours there, and goe beyond as farre, besides the number in store of goodly shipping; whereby, as they hinder our trade, so they forbear not (which I cannot but write with stomacke) the honour of our King and kingdome, as presuming somtimes to call themselues *English*, and pretend Embassage, and presents from his Maiesty, which they did to the King of *Siam*. In other places calling the Crowne and State of *England* into comparison, which made the King of *Achem* aske captaine *Best* whether the King of *England*, or the King of *Holland* were the greater Monarke.

Besides, what an infinite number of shippes and men of warre haue they alwayes in a readinesse at home, and as the In-keeper of *Chalys* sayd to his guest, admiring *tantam ferculorum varietatem*, it was with art all cookt out of porke; this their store, this their abundance is raised all out of fishing; Who then would not be moued? Who would not be stirred vp therewith? Who would not goe a fishing? You see what want wee haue of shipping, what want we haue of marriners, what discouragements we haue in trades, what wants our men are in. When *Naaman* the *Sirian* complained to *Elizens* of his leprosie, he was bid wash himselfe in *Jordan* seuen times; hee looked for other miraculous courses to be taken by the Prophet, and could hardly

hardly be perswaded thereto, because *Abna* and *Pharphar* floods of *Damascus* were better: *Nagman* was a Heathen, and had neuer any experience of Gods *Iorden*, yet he was in the end perswaded: to supply our wants, to satisfie our hunger, to heale our diseases, there is not a riuer but a sea shewen vs, and that not in another kingdom, but in our owne, wee are are but bidden goe and take fish out of it; wee are Christians, and it is God that hath provided this remedy, and wee see by experience no water like ours, and we see our neighbours from euery place resorting thereto and healing themselues thereby: you see how it concerneth vs, let vs in the end likewise bee perswaded. What the number is of our seamen bred and employed by all sorts of sea-trades, (our pettie fishings excepted) may easily bee gest at; and whatsoeuer it may amount to, if out of our whole Land there bee but foure hundred Busses built, and set forth of seuentie tunne the peece, there are in two yeares nine thousand mariners more then was in the land before: let men of experience and state iudge of the proportion by the way of comparison, euery one can perceiue the increase simply, besides the report of some of our best Marriners, these thus bred, proue not onely equall, but better able then any bred otherwise for sea-affaires and publicke seruice.

On this publicke profit of fishing thus spread abroad the maintenance of Hauens and Hauen-townes in *England* besides, I haue no small dependencie, and are so materiall to the land, so plainly vnder-

stood of all his maiesties subiects; and so well wished to by *Hitchcookes* and *Gentleman*, that it is enough for me but to poynt at them; we all know the vse of them, they shew the decay, and this Art the reparation and maintenance of them.

The vse of this fishing is implied much in the profite, but more eminent by the consideration againe of the infinite number otherwise of Idle people, and out of employment; onely by this Art it is reported not one goeth a begging in all the *Low Countries*; and what a number of people haue wee, that now destitute of meanes, may this way haue a calling? It is a grieuous sinne Idlenesse, and bringeth forth, as we see, horrible effects: to get a liuing by the sweat of our browes is the ordinance of God, and this way there is a recompence. There were found in *Tarmouth* the last yeare three or foure hundred, and those of honest disposition, that wanted means, and how many hundred more are there in other places that would gladly be thus vsed? *Hitchcookes* alloweth to euery one in this employment twenty pounds yearely, besides his dyet, for his reward, a good fauour to honest men that now haue no meanes; and this onely out of two voyages for Herring: a number of Carpenters and Shipwrights shall be set a work, Coopers busied, numbers of people making lines, ropes, cables, dressers of hempe, spinners of thrid, makers of Nets, bred; many salt-houses set vp, besides what store of poore people, all along on the sea coasts, which are now very poore and idle in *England* and *Wales* to bee vsed in splitting of fish, walhing of fish, packing, salting, carrying and re-carrying.

carrying of fish; and on these foresaid occupations depend an infinite number of seruants, boyes & daily labourers for the vse of things needfull. *Nylus*, whose fertility is enuied, affoordeth not so many sorts of fish, of monsters, as this fishing entertaineth sorts of people; which humbly committing to the high disposer of all hearts, & to the due consideration therby of his ministers here on earth, I will leaue further to enlarge, and shut vp this abrupt discourse with the allusion of that of *Basil* to this sea-businesse, *Putei dum hauriuntur speciosiores.*

Now for a Corollary to all these imperfect lines, whereas in the superficiall suruey of want of shipping, we find most of our sea-trades either decaying, or at a stay; let me out of themselves, without offence, propound the consideration of one remedy thereto, enen by a *freedom of Traffique* for all his Maiesties subiects to all places; hereby his maiesties customes will increase, the nauy & sea-men will receiue nourishment out of more employment, the whole incorporation of merchants reap comfort in that they may communicate with all aduentures, and the vniuersal body of the subiects of the land content, in that they may become merchants, being very ready in this aduentrous world to make new discoueries, whereas now otherwise merchandize sorteth & settled in companies, confineth merchants into those limits that priuate orders tie them in, so that they may not helpe themselves through any discouragements in one trade, but by sure and submission of themselves to the other; though, I say, their trades faile them; and o-

ther haue too much, nor may any else of the kingdome come amongst them, though neuer so able and well disposed, vnlesse they come in on such conditions as the victor pleaseth to propound. A thing in ordinary sence somewhat harsh to follow, Subiects and equall Citizens in this great Monarke, to be so seruiceable-tyed and subiect one vnto the other, and the rather for that those priuiledges by the indulgencie of the Prince being granted as a reward to some for their industries, and exemplary to others encouragements are strictly vsed to the eternall benefite of a few, and the wrong of all the residue.

The *French* company manifesteth this plainly, which if it had continued, (and it beganne but the other day) had vndone all the Westerne men.

The *Moscouie* company declareth the same, as being granted on condition of seruing his Maiesty of all materials (as Flaxe, Oyle, Waxe, Tallow, Cordage) belonging to shipping, whereas now it is supplied by strangers euen ten for one ship, and those double our burdens; and notwithstanding they doe not performe, and haue let fall their trade, yet none may enter but on their conditions.

The *Greenland* company, out of the pretence of their first Whale-hunting, keepe all Fishermen, notwithstanding they knew and vsed those seas, from further resort thither, and some Marchants of *Hull* were taken by them in that iourney, and brought backe; notwithstanding, as I am informed, those countrey-men found it first.

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The *Virginia* Company pretend almost all that
Maine twixt it and *New found Land* to bee their
fee-simple, whereby many honest and able
minds disposed to aduenture are hindred, and
stopped from repairing to those places they ei-
ther knew or would discouer vnfound euen for
fishing.

The *East India* men, not able to furnish those
places they resort to, keepe out other from com-
ming amongst them, and to looke into those
parts they know not, and would giue out of their
largenesse and riches entertainment to all the
Marchants in the Land; besides, how tedious and
costly they, and all other Companies, make it to
their owne Associates, when as out of orders,
and cause of vpholding their Trade, men can
neither dispose of their owne as they would, nor
haue the benefite vnder a long time: Besides, how
priuate do they, and other Companies, make it,
when as out of orders and maintaining their
Trade, how plentifully soeuer the commodities
are brought in, and at what aduantage soeuer they
buy them, they will bee sure to keepe vp the price,
either by sending forth most part of the commo-
dities abroad, or else by buying all others into
their hands; that other is hard for the owner some-
times, but he doth it in his owne wrong; but to
the buyer this is alwaies iniust for that he suffereth
against his will, the Common wealth being made
priuate suffereth by all; this, that, the first and all
the more discontentful, in that besides that al other
Nations resort freely to all those places whence
they keepe out their owne Country-men, the like

fashion of Companies and Societies is not vsed in all Christendome else; it being lawfull and vsuall to all other amongst themselues promiscuously to frequent and communicate with places, and Trades one by the other; nay, this separation of Trading, and excepting of subiects from places, betweene diuers Princes that had but peace one with the other, was so admired and disallowed of, formerly, that *Charles* the 5 Emperour, being moued by the Portugals, being vnder their owne absolute King then, to forbear the East Indie Trade, because they had found it; answered, that hee had peace with them, and therefore he would haue Trade with them, for they were not his friends, but his enemies, that would hinder him of it: How much more we, murmuring at this iniquity, may affirme that we are all *Britaines*, all subiects to one royall King, all combined together in one naturall league, and therefore not to be barred from Trading equally to all places; which his gracious Maiesty, together with the whole assent of the high Court of Parliament openly professeth, when as there was enacted a free liberty for all his Maiesties Subiects, to Trade into the Dominions of *Spain*, *Portugall*, and *France*, with most sufficient reasons, therfore for the encrease of shipping, marriners, thousands of Handicraftes men, of prices of their owne commodities and augmentation of them together, with the plenty of forraine commodites, and a cheapnesse of them, & the bettering of his Maiesties customes. No one man ever inuented all Sciences, nor any Marchant found all places, yet they make a compensation

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one to another : Society first beganne, and knowledge and civility by communication; but if the world in his infancy had bene resolved to haue held priuate what they had in possession, and to haue concealed what they knew, there had not onely bene no civility, but no society; yet as the first maintainers of society had their honour, the first inuentors of Sciences and Arts their rewards, and in all well disposed States, the industries of those that do benefite them haue their encouragements; so is not this my proposition of free Trade otherwise entertained, then that there should bee a due respect had of all worthy aduenturers, an especiall consideration of the charges and hazard of the first discouersers, which the soterious Hollander examples vs, by forbidding their owne Subjects to trade to those places which some particular purse hath, or shall, finde out, before that the first founders haue receiued reasonable benefite of their paines and charges, allowing them some fixe returnes to their owne priuate aduentures, before any else set thitherward; If those aduentures or returnes were encreased here for the finders content, and profit, there is no man would grudge it, but to keepe others out for euer, vnlesse they pay, and submit themselues according to their order, and to their gouernment, or vnder the presence of one place found to include more then was euer meant, seemes very iniurious. Againe, my Proposition is not any way so tumultuous, as that thereby I would exclude all order and forme of gouernment, in Trades, or otherwise to intend a promiscuous kind of calling, or rather confusion
of.

of all sorts; who knoweth not that the Common-
wealth consisteth, *Non ex medicis, & medicis sed ex
medicis, & Agricola;* as also that there must be an
Oeconomically and discrete partition and pro-
portion among the members; Divers Trades to
maintaine the generall body Comerce; I have
onely pointed at some aberrations; but as the no-
uice, travelling through strange Countries; *Tap-
mando, or tanquam Canis ad Nilum.* The prosecu-
ting of this argument would draw on a larger dis-
course then all the whole former; and would then
exceed a Corollary, and detain the Reader too
long. Neither like I the issue of meddling, when
men tire themselves with controuling of publique
matters; yet many times cannot manage their
owne affaires. I make no intrusion into Merchants
Mysteries, neither desire to pry into the States se-
cretly. It was a foolish complaint of the Poet, *Cui
aliquid videt*; it is much more for me to say *Cui al-
iquid scripsi*; I am so farre from giuing any cause of
publicke offence, that I would not iustly prouoke
any private person. I was borne in the Citty, and
liue amongst Sea-men, and as some Almanacke-
makers when they pretend exactnesse in their
Calculations, though they doe but rouge, vse to
appropriate their obseruations to the place they
liue in; so I writing with the same knowledge,
would say I desire good to the Meridian of these
two places, notwithstanding as they say also, These
may serue alike to all the Land.

